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In reply to the June 27, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A grid comprising drawn polymeric strips in at least two different directions, wherein the strips have a higher tensile strength in a lengthwise direction of the strips compared to a tensile strength in a width direction of the strips, wherein the strips are bonded together in at least one zone of overlap, which comprises at least two spatially separated bonding points or bonding lines, and wherein the strips comprise a material that absorbs electromagnetic radiation at the at least one zone of overlap.

Please add new claims 19-23 as follow:

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--19. The grid according to claim 1, wherein the strips comprise a layer transparent to electromagnetic radiation and a layer that absorbs electromagnetic radiation.--